

## **Ronald F. Van Winkle**

### **Biography**

Ronald F. Van Winkle has been a professional Economist specializing in issues dealing with the Connecticut economy in both the public and private sectors for more than thirty years. Van Winkle is a well-known public speaker on issues affecting the economy of the State of Connecticut, and on issues of public policy at both the State and local levels. During 1983-1984, he served as a consultant to the Governor's Infrastructure Task Force where he was responsible for the research project and the infrastructure reinvestment program.

Van Winkle was a self-employed consultant in economics and public policy analysis for eight years with a diversified client base in government and private industry. In 1987 he was hired by the Town of West Hartford as their Director of Community Services and in 2008 became West Hartford's Town Manager.

Prior to consulting, he was the Director of Planning for the State of Connecticut Department of Economic Development where he received a citation from the Connecticut Legislature for his work on the State's enterprise zone legislation. Before joining the public sector, Van Winkle worked as an econometrician for the United Technologies Corporation, Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division.

Van Winkle has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Finance from the University of South Florida where he received the Dean's Award for his contributions to the School of Business. His Master's Degree was earned at Northeastern University in the field of Economic Development, where he was a Northeastern Fellow. He studied for his Ph.D. at Boston College where he achieved candidacy in the field of econometrics and fiscal policy.

Van Winkle is Past President of the Hartford Area Business Economists Association. He is Past-President of the Board of Trustees of the Montessori School of Greater Hartford and Past-Chair of the Advisory Board to the State Worker's Compensation Commission. He is a past member of the Board and is member of the Board of Corporators of the American School for the Deaf, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Supervisory Committee of the Capitol Region Federal Credit Union and a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority. In 2002 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Hartford, Construction Institute. In 2003, he was named Forecaster of the Year by the Connecticut Business Economists Associations. In 2007 he was named Public Sector Executive of the Year by the Hartford Business Journal. In addition, he has been a visiting lecturer at the School of Economics and Public Policy, Trinity College and is a member of Sovereign Bank's Connecticut Advisory Board.

Van Winkle has been a life-long resident of the State of Connecticut, and resides in West Hartford with his wife Ruth.